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SUBJECT: TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE
EPS: (A) GEORGETOWN 3992; (B) GEORGETOWN 3999

PLEASE INFORM MINISTER GREEN AND OTHER APPROPRIATE GOG OFFICIALS THAT WE ARE GRATIFIED BY FAVORABLE RESPONSE TO OUR OFFER OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE WITH INVESTIGATIONS. TEAM OF FOUR EXPERTS CAN ARRIVE GEORGETOWN 30 NOVEMBER ON FLIGHT 227. WE SHALL PROCEED WITH THIS TRAVEL UNLESS ADVISED TO CONTRARY. (TEAM COULD DEBARK PLANE IN TRINIDAD AND AWAIT INSTRUCTIONS IF THERE IS A HANG-UP IN OBTAINING FINAL GOG CLEARANCE.) NAMES AND DESCRIPTION OF TECHNICAL EXPERTISE OF EACH MEMBER OF TEAM ARE SET FORTH IN PARA 6 BELOW. AS INDICATED, TEAM INCLUDES A BALLISTICS EXPERT

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PER THE REQUEST OF THE GOG. WITH RESPECT TO REQUEST FOR PATHOLOGIST, JUSTICE DOES NOT EMPLOY ANY PERSONNEL WITH SUCH EXPERTISE. NORMALLY FBI CONTRACTS WITH MILITARY TO PROVIDE PATHOLOGIST WHEN NEEDED. PLEASE ADVISE AS TO ROLE GOG ENVISIONS FOR PATHOLOGICAL EXPERT, AND WE WILL MEET REQUEST WITH RIGHT EXPERTISE. YOU MAY ALSO INFORM MINISTER THAT TEAM WILL WORK IN FULL COOPERATION WITH GOG AUTHORITIES UNDER YOUR DIRECTION AND SUPERVISION.

WITH RESPECT TO PUBLICITY, WE HAVE INSTRUCTED ALL AGENCIES TO REVEAL NO INFORMATION ON THIS MATTER UNTIL WE HAVE COORDINATED PUBLIC POSTURE WITH GOG. OF COURSE, IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE HAVE COORDINATED GUIDANCE AVAILABLE SAP IN EVENT OF LEAKS.

WE WOULD PROPOSE CONTINGENCY STATEMENT ALONG FOLLOWING LINES TO BE USED BY BOTH GOVERNMENTS IF ASKED: "FOUR TECHNICAL EXPERTS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE ARE TRAVELLING TO GEORGETOWN, GUYANA, THIS WEEK TO ASSIST THE GOVERNMENT OF GUYANA IN THEIR ON-GOING INVESTIGATION OF THE RECENT EVENTS SURROUNDING THE PEOPLE'S TEMPLE

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AGRICULTURAL COMMUNITY THERE. THEY WILL WORK CLOSELY WITH
THEIR COUNTERPARTS IN GUYANA. THE FOUR EXPERTS ARE
SPECIALISTS IN THE FIELDS OF BALLISTICS, PHOTOGRAPHY, AND
ENGINEERING.

FYI. ALL FOUR MEMBERS OF TEAM ARE EMPLOYED BY FBI.
THE SUGGESTED GUIDANCE IS ACCURATE IN REFERRING TO DEPART-
MENT OF JUSTICE OF WHICH FBI IS A COMPONENT PART. WE CAN
ANTICIPATE FOLLOW ON QUESTIONS REGARDING FBI INVOLVEMENT
IN INVESTIGATION. WE WOULD PROPOSE THAT SUCH QUESTIONS
BE ANSWERED ALONG THE FOLLOWING LINES: "ALL RELEVANT COM-
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BE PROVIDING ASSISTANCE IN THE CASE. WITH RESPECT TO
THE TEAM OF EXPERTS, THE FOUR INDIVIDUALS WERE SELECTED
BY THE DOJ ON THE BASIS OF THEIR TECHNICAL EXPERTISE AND
BE TRAVELLING TO GUYANA AS REPRESENTATIVES OF THE DEPART-
MENT OF JUSTICE, AND NOT OF ANY PARTICULAR SECTION OF THAT
DEPARTMENT. IF ASKED IF THEY ARE FBI EMPLOYEES, JUSTICE
WOULD RESPOND IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BUT AGAIN EMPHASIZE TECH-
NICAL NATURE OF THEIR FUNCTION AND FACT THAT THEY ARE
REPRESENTING JUSTICE DEPARTMENT AS A WHOLE.

PURSUANT TO REQUEST OF GOG (PARA 2 REF B), JUSTICE
IS ORDERING AUTOPSY OF JONE'S BODY AND WE WILL PROVIDE
GOG WITH RESULTS AS SOON AS AUTOPSY CAN BE COMPLETED.

MEMBERS OF TEAM FOLLOW:

1) EVAN E. HODGE, LABORATORY DIVISION, SCIENTIFIC ANALYSIS

SECTION, FIRE ARMS--TOOL MARKS UNIT (BALLISTICS EXPERT)

2) EDWARD B. O'BRIEN, CHIEF, PHOTOGRAPHIC OPERATIONS UNIT,

LABORATORY DIVISION, SPECIAL PROJECTS SECTION (EXPERTISE

IN PHOTOGRAPHING OF EVIDENTIARY DOCUMENTS AND SCENE OF

CRIME)

3) BARRY L. MONES, PHOTOGRAPHIC OPERATIONS UNIT (ASSISTANT

TO MR. O'BRIEN)

4) JAMES E. KIEL, TECHNICAL SERVICES DIVISION, ENGINEERING

SECTION, OPERATIONAL SUPPORT UNIT (ENGINEERING EXPERTISE,

INCLUDING BACKGROUND IN AUDIO MATTERS).

JUSTICE IS PROVIDING US WITH MORE DETAILED DESCRIPTION ON

EXPERTISE OF THESE INDIVIDUALS TOMORROW MORNING WHICH WE

WILL FORWARD SEPTEL FOR USE WITH GOG.

IN LETTER TO EMBASSY OF GUYANA REQUESTING VISAS FOR

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MEMBERS OF TEAM, WE WILL REFER TO THEM AS "REPRESENTATIVES

OF THE DOJ. VANCE

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